on the DELs (Direct Exchange Lines)/Primary Rate Interface/ 2 Mbps R2 type signaling connected to ISP set up.

(iv) In case of suspicion, the incoming and outgoing local calls are put up under observation for detecting and confirming illegal traffic.

(v) 10 Digit CLI (Calling Line Identification) has been implemented through out MTNL, Mumbai network in order to detect misuse of Public Switched Telecom Network (PSTN) lines for carrying international traffic. Cases of local CLI on incoming international calls are raided immediately.

(vi) Set of lines making more than 2500 local calls in a fortnight are identified using Billing computers and the meter reading of such identified numbers are analysed to find out local calls made from a set of numbers.

(vii) The Fraud Managed & Control Centre proposed to be commissioned in MTNL Delhi and Mumbai by 28.2.2003 wherein fraud investigators will monitor the calls.

Mobile Postmen

898. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to have Mobile Postmen to connect rural India;

(b) if so, whether any concete programme has been worked out in this regard;

(c) whether the move is to revamp the postal department and increase tele-density in the country;

(d) if so, whether under the proposal, postmen in the rural and semi-urban areas would double up;

(e) whether they would carry WLL phones, enabling people to make as well as received calls on nominal charges;

(f) if so, the details of the proposed steps taken in this regard; and

(g) whether the postmen would be paid special allowance for handling mobile telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (g) The Government have worked out a pilot project of WLL based telephones to be provided to Grameen Dak Sevaks on an experimental basis. The programme envisages carrying of these telephones by the Grameen Dak Sevaks to the villages for villagers to utilize the facility for making calls. A component of all charges will be payable to the Grameen Dak Sevaks as a commission. The programme does not in anyway involve any revamping of Department of Posts, since the role of Department of Posts will only be to collect the revenues on behalf of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for which BSNL will pay them a commission.

Telephone Exchange in Aligarh

†899. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMALTION TECHNOLOGY be pleased be state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set up a new Telephone Exchange at Nangla Birkhu, Tehsil Iglas, Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) in January, 2002;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the machine costing lacs of rupees is lying defunct and the telephone connections released by this exchange are out of order resulting into the loss of lacs of rupees to Government; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to run this telephone exchange smoothly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A 256 Port C-DOT exchange was installed in March 2002.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.